

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An elastomeric glove comprising:
a substrate body including a layer made of an elastomeric material, said substrate body defining an inner surface and an outer surface; and
a coating overlying the inner surface of said substrate body and defining a user-contacting surface of the glove, said coating comprising a crosslinked hydrogel network within which is retained an active agent capable of imparting a benefit to a user, wherein the active agent comprises a skin-conditioner, wherein the skin-conditioner comprises an emollient, a humectant, an antioxidant, or a botanical agent, wherein said hydrogel network is formed from one or more polymers, at least one of said polymers being formed from at least one monomer that is hydrophilic and water-soluble, wherein said monomer is selected from the group consisting of vinyl pyrrolidones, hydroxyethyl acrylates, hydroxyethyl methacrylates, hydroxypropyl acrylates, hydroxypropyl methacrylates, acrylic acids, methacrylic acids, acrylic esters, methacrylic esters, vinyl pyridines, acrylamides, vinyl alcohols, ethylene oxides, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof, and wherein said active agent is releasable from said network when said coating is contacted with an aqueous environment, wherein the crosslinked hydrogel network is substantially water-insoluble and achieves a water content of from about 20% to about 90% when exposed to water.

2. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said elastomeric material of said substrate body is selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-butadiene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-isoprene block copolymers, styrene-butadiene block copolymers, natural rubber latex, nitrile rubbers, isoprene rubbers, chloroprene rubbers, polyvinyl chlorides, silicone rubbers, and combinations thereof.

3. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said elastomeric material of said substrate body is natural rubber latex.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said monomer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyethyl acrylates, hydroxyethyl methacrylates, hydroxypropyl acrylates, derivatives thereof, and combinations thereof.

7. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said crosslinked hydrogel network is substantially water-insoluble.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said crosslinked hydrogel network is capable of achieving a water content of from about 35% to about 85%.

10. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein said crosslinked hydrogel network is capable of achieving a water content of from about 50% to about 80%.

11-13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein the average thickness of said coating is from about 0.1 to about 20 micrometers.

15. (Original) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein the coating comprises from about 0.001 to about 0.5 grams per gram of the glove.

16-41. (Canceled)

42. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein the skin-conditioner comprises an emollient.

43. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 42, wherein the emollient comprises beeswax, butyl stearate, cermides, cetyl palmitate, eucerit, isohexadecane, isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, mink oil, mineral oil, nut oil, oleyl alcohol, petroleum jelly or petrolatum, glycerol stearate, avocado oil, jojoba oil, lanolin, lanolin derivatives, retinyl palmitate, cetearyl alcohol, squalane, squalene, stearic acid, stearyl alcohol, myristal myristate, decyl oleate or castor oil.

44. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 42, wherein the emollient comprises a lipid.

45. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein the skin-conditioner comprises a humectant.

46. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 45, wherein the humectant comprises alanine, glycerin, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, hyaluronic acid, saccharide isomerate, sodium lactate, sorbitol, or urea.

47. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein the skin-conditioner comprises an antioxidant.

48. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 47, wherein the antioxidant comprises Vitamin E, Vitamin E derivatives, Vitamin C, Vitamin C derivatives, Vitamin A palmitate, butylated hydroxy toluene, phenols, phenolic derivatives, thiodipropionate esters, hydroquinone derivatives, alkylated aryl amine, or combinations thereof.

49. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 1, wherein the skin-conditioner comprises a botanical agent.

50. (New) An elastomeric glove as defined in claim 49, wherein the botanical agent comprises Agnus castus, aloe vera, comfrey, calendula, dong quai, black cohosh, chamomile, evening primrose, Hypericum perforatum, licorice root, black currant seed oil, St. John's wort, tea extracts, lemon balm, capsicum, rosemary, Areca catechu, mung bean, borage seed oil, witch hazel, fenugreek, lavender, soy, almonds, chamomile extracts, elder flowers, honey, safflower oil, or elastin.